

RESOLUTION NO 09-15

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE IJOBS GRANT APPLICATION
BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WHEREAS, Montgomery County has been operating its current jail facility for 113 years; and

WHEREAS, the current jail facility no longer meets current State of Iowa guidelines which protect the inmates and the county jail employees; and

WHEREAS, grant funding is available for county infrastructure replacement projects through IJobs; and

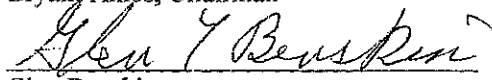
WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors wish to participate in the IJobs infrastructure grant program to lessen the burden of Montgomery County Jail replacement funding on the taxpayers of Montgomery County.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors that they authorize the submittal of the IJobs grant application for infrastructure replacement of the Montgomery County Jail.

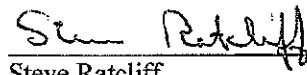
Approved in special session this 3rd day of August, 2009

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:


Bryant Amos, Chairman

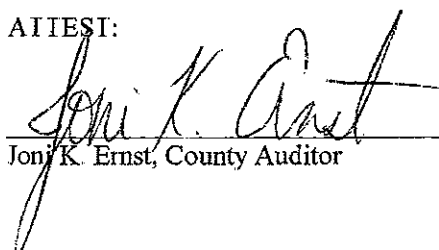

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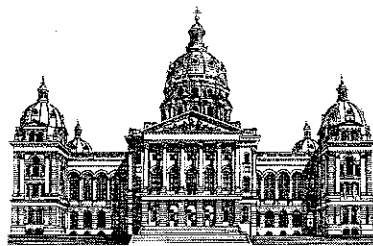

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August 1, 2009

RE: I-JOBS Grant Application – Local Infrastructure Program

I would like to respectfully request the I-Jobs Board to consider support of the infrastructure project being proposed by the Montgomery County Supervisors and local law enforcement. I believe the application/project is consistent with the intent and purpose of the program by investing in Iowa's aging infrastructure or the component that specifically deals with local infrastructure of public works and buildings.

The grant money will be used to assist with construction costs of a proposed new jail facility located in Red Oak. The Board of Supervisors, local law enforcement, and community have done their due diligence in proposing a plan that will ensure enhanced protection of the residents of Montgomery County, the employees, the detainees, and will allow both the City Police Department and Sheriff's Office to operate more efficiently and effectively with the proposed correctional facility.

Ensuring the sustainability of a law enforcement center in Montgomery County is just one example of many proactive steps the leaders of the County and Community have taken to create and retain jobs, and help improve the overall economy of the county and Southwest Iowa.

Thank you for your time and consideration of funding for this very worthwhile project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Reynolds".

Senator Kim Reynolds
Senate District 48

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July 31, 2009

RE: Community Support for Proposed County Law Enforcement Center

To Whom It May Concern:

The following project is being proposed by the Montgomery County Supervisors and the County Sheriff. Our current facility is well over 100 years old and is becoming unsafe to both the employees and detainees. In an effort to ensure the protection of the residents of Montgomery County we are proposing that a new facility be constructed that will allow both the City Police Department and Sheriff's office to operate more efficiently and to have a safe, secure and updated correctional facility.

In the past five years we have had two separate incidents where detainees have escaped and posed a threat to both the employees and residents of Montgomery County. Montgomery County is proposing to construct a new facility in Red Oak. This new building will provide additional space for the Police administrative offices, secured evidence storage, Deputies offices and enough space to house those criminals who have yet to be tried and those serving sentences in the county.

I would respectfully request your positive consideration of Montgomery County's application for funding and assure you that it is with the greatest of support from the City of Red Oak.

Sincerely,



**Ted A. Schoonover
Mayor, City of Red Oak**

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August 3, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

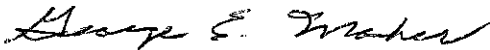
Montgomery County is in the process of evaluating the construction of a new jail for the community. Our present structure is approximately 120 years old. It is in bad need of being replaced and is totally out of compliance for security purposes.

The funding is a major issue in our community as we have an unemployment rate of 9%, the second highest in the state. With three plant closings it is difficult to justify a structure funded by taxes with so many people unemployed.

As we promote our community with the hopes of finding new businesses, a jail is of importance as we promote an aggressive viable community with all the entities found in a sound community. The funding, with the assistance of grants is vital to promote the idea that the tax payer isn't totally liable for the entire financial liability of a new jail.

Any grants we can obtain will be vitally important to us as we promote the new jail which we desperately need. As the Executive Director of the Red Oak Industrial Foundation, I ask you to give us serious consideration for the grant which is necessary to help us promote the badly needed new jail.

Sincerely,



George E. Maher
Executive Director



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July 31, 2009

To: IJOBS

Re: Montgomery County support letter for IJOBS Grant Application

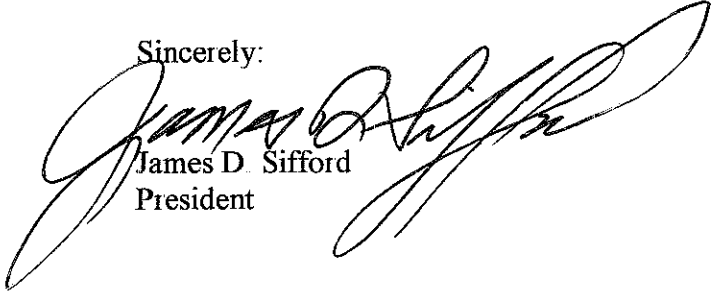
To Whom It May Concern:

Montgomery County has a very definite need for a new jail. The Department of Corrections has been very concerned about the structure we currently use and have gone as far as stating that if the county does not make major improvements to the existing jail or build a new jail that our jail will be closed. Because of the age, size and structural problems of the old jail, renovation of it is not a sound solution to our problem. The closing of the jail would be a drastic impact on our county's budget as transporting prisoners to out of county jails would be expensive and would have to come out of the county's already stressed budget.

The county over the last decade has tried several times to pass a bond referendum and it has been voted down or stopped before going to vote every time. It is my personal believe that if the county voted on a referendum today for a new jail to be paid fully by property taxes that it would fail. If the county could get an IJOBS grant for part of the new jail it could be the carrot that the people of this county need to pass a referendum

I hope that we can have your support on this very important project.

Sincerely:


James D. Sifford
President

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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Joseph G. Sampson, Sheriff

August 3, 2009

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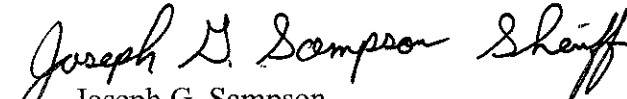
To Whom It May Concern:

My current jail facility is well over 100 years old and has become unsafe to my employees and inmates. The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors with the assistance of a community-led Jail Committee have researched the current facility and in response to the State Jail Inspector's report of 2008, they have determined that the current facility can no longer operate in its current state.

In the past five years we have had two separate incidents where detainees have escaped and posed a threat to both the employees and residents of Montgomery County. Montgomery County is proposing to construct a new facility in Red Oak. This new building will provide additional space for administrative offices, secured evidence storage, Deputies' offices and space to house inmates who are currently housed here and in other counties.

I respectfully request your consideration of Montgomery County's application for funding to ensure a safe and secure facility for my jailers and inmates.

Sincerely,


Joseph G. Sampson
Montgomery County Sheriff

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Dear Sir or Madame:

I am providing this correspondence to you with regard to a grant being applied for by Montgomery County, Iowa.

As Chief of Police for the community of Red Oak, Iowa, I am in full support of the application for this grant, and pray that a grant award be made to Montgomery County for the construction of a jail and law enforcement facility to replace the current facility which is well over one-hundred years old, has become impossible to maintain, and is in my estimation unsafe for inmate and officer alike.

As a former jail administrator for this facility, I am well aware of the need for a new detention facility, and would support any assistance that the county may be eligible for.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Drue A. Powers'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D'.

Drue A. Powers
Chief of Police

RICK ASKEY
FIRE CHIEF

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Friday, July 31, 2009

Re: Community Support for Proposed County Law Enforcement Center


To: Whom it May Concern

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors are proposing a very needed project for the Protection of the Citizens of Montgomery County. A County Law Enforcement Center will allow information to be disseminated and reviewed at a much more efficient pace. This proposal will allow all Montgomery County Law Enforcement agencies to work in a very secure, advanced and provide a more proactive environment.

The current facility is greater than 100 years old and has proven to be a non-secure detention center. I know of two separate incidents with no research. I feel we as public safety are not providing the needed amount of protection for the citizens of Montgomery County.

I would respectfully request your consideration of the Montgomery County application for the needed funding to move this protection project forward.

Respectfully,



Rick I. Askey, Fire Chief
Red Oak Fire Department

"FIRE PREVENTION IS OUR INTENTION"



Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency
105 East Coolbaugh Street
Red Oak, Iowa 51566
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August 3, 2009

Re: Support for Proposed County Law Enforcement Center

To Whom It May Concern,

The Montgomery County Supervisors and the County Sheriff are proposing that a new facility be constructed that will allow both the City Police Department and Sheriff's office to operate more efficiently and to have a safe, secure and updated correctional facility. The age of the current facility and recent incidents of detainee escapes have demonstrated the need for addressing this threat to public safety.

Montgomery County is proposing to construct a new facility in Red Oak to adequately provide enough space to house those criminals who have yet to be tried and those serving sentences in the county more securely. This will add greater protection to the citizens of the county, as well as to the inmates themselves.

As the Emergency Management Coordinator for the county, I whole heartedly support this project as a way to strengthen our county's efforts to provide the very best in public safety to our citizens, and would appreciate your thoughtful consideration of the county's funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin C. Norris".

Kevin Norris
Montgomery County
Emergency Management Agency
Coordinator

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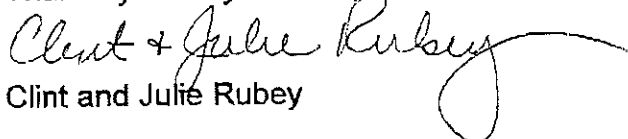
To Whom It May Concern:

As long time residents and business owners in Montgomery County, we actively support a new county Law Enforcement Center to replace the current outdated facility. Our law enforcement personnel do an excellent job despite the fact that they must contend with a building that is well over 100 years old and is not safe, functional or efficient for modern day needs.

We continue to do business and live in this fine county and work for a positive future. Public safety is a very important piece in the puzzle to attract business, industry and residents to our county. A new facility meeting state and national codes to provide space, storage and safety features in addition to efficient combined space for City Police and Sheriff administration is vital to the positive future of this area.

We would respectfully request your positive consideration of this application from Montgomery County for funding a County Law Enforcement Center.

Thanks you for your time,


Clint and Julie Rubey



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Re: Support for Proposed Law Enforcement Center

To Whom It May Concern,

The above noted project is being considered for Montgomery County and the City of Red Oak. The present facility being over 100 years old is outdated and unsafe for staff and detainees.

In an effort to provide a safe environment for both staff and detainees and a facility that meets code a new combined Law Enforcement Center serving both County and City is being evaluated at this time.

As a member of the Jail Committee, a resident of Montgomery County, and the City of Red Oak I ask you to consider this application for funding assistance in a positive manner.

Sincerely,

OAKVIEW CONSTRUCTION, INC.

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Ken Rech
Project Development Director